

CIRCUIT COURT

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| PROGRAM: Management and Adjudication of Civil Cases | PROGRAM ELEMENT: | | | | |
| PROGRAM MISSION: To administer justice in a fair, timely, and efficient manner when adjudicating civil matters | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUPPORTED: • Provide for fair and timely administration of justice • Foster respect for the law | | | | | |
| PROGRAM MEASURES | FY02 ACTUAL | FY03 ACTUAL | FY04 ACTUAL | FY05 BUDGET | FY06 CE REC |
| Outcomes/Results: | | | | | |
| Civil judgments entered | 1,176 | 1,330 | 1,192 | 1,330 | 1,330 |
| Civil cases terminated (resolved) ^a | 11,668 | 12,029 | 11,838 | 12,029 | 12,029 |
| Civil cases resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution | 432 | 472 | 427 | 472 | 472 |
| Service Quality: | | | | | |
| Average time to dispose of civil cases ^b (days) | | | | | |
| Track NT - Little or no trial time necessary (<i>target - 165 days</i>) ^c | 116 | 130 | 147 | 165 | 165 |
| Track 0 - No discovery necessary (<i>target - 167 days</i>) | 141 | 141 | 136 | 167 | 167 |
| Track 2 - 1/2 to 1 day trial estimate (<i>target - 271 days</i>) | 202 | 199 | 199 | 271 | 271 |
| Track 3 - 1 to 3 day trial estimate (<i>target - 416 days</i>) | 306 | 309 | 317 | 416 | 416 |
| Track 4 - 3 day trial or more (<i>target - 481 days</i>) | 431 | 389 | 442 | 481 | 481 |
| Track 5 - Business and Technology expedited (<i>target - 210 days</i>) ^h | NA | NA | 59 | 210 | 210 |
| Track 6 - Business and Technology standard (<i>target - 540 days</i>) ^h | NA | NA | 190 | 540 | 540 |
| Overall average time for disposition of civil cases (all cases and tracks) | 184 | 189 | 200 | 233 | 233 |
| Efficiency: | | | | | |
| Cases terminated per staff year (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^d | 327 | 335 | 347 | 351 | 346 |
| Average cost per case terminated (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) (\$) ^d | 248 | 258 | 228 | 277 | 315 |
| Workload/Outputs: | | | | | |
| Civil cases filed ^g | 11,866 | 11,893 | 11,487 | 11,893 | 11,893 |
| Civil hearings held | 5,496 | 5,798 | 5,646 | 5,798 | 5,798 |
| Civil trials by jury | 166 | 166 | 158 | 166 | 166 |
| Civil trials by judge | 146 | 166 | 152 | 166 | 166 |
| Civil cases ordered to Alternative Dispute Resolution | 504 | 577 | 575 | 577 | 577 |
| Civil cases filed as a percentage of total Circuit Court filings | 33.0 | 33.0 | 32.9 | 33.0 | 33.0 |
| Total Circuit Court filings (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) | 35,915 | 36,038 | 34,942 | 36,038 | 36,038 |
| Total Circuit Court terminations (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^d | 35,773 | 36,175 | 34,708 | 36,175 | 36,175 |
| Inputs: | | | | | |
| Workyears ^d | 109.3 | 108.1 | ^f 100.0 | 103.2 | ⁱ 104.6 |
| Expenditures (\$000) ^{d,*} | 8,879 | 9,326 | 7,909 | 10,036 | ⁱ 11,407 |
| Notes: | | | | | |
| ^a Civil terminations include cases that are tried, dismissed, settled, or administratively closed due to lack of prosecution. | | | | | |
| ^b For civil cases, the disposition time is measured from initial filing to disposition (i.e., trial, settlement, or dismissal). | | | | | |
| ^c The figures in italics represent targets (guidelines) for the time to dispose of civil cases when using the given track. Cases that were formerly classified as Track 1 represent family cases and are reported under the "Management and Adjudication of Family Cases" program. These guidelines were developed by committees comprised of judges, court personnel, and representatives of the local Bar, State's Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office. | | | | | |
| ^d Workyears, expenditures, and the corresponding efficiency measures include the processing of civil, criminal, family, and juvenile cases because it is not feasible to separate expenditures and workyears by type of case. (Staff responsibilities and case processing are not organized by type of case: one person may process several types of cases.) Because workyears and expenditures cannot be split by type of case, both efficiency measures are based on all Circuit Court terminations: civil, criminal, family, and juvenile (this total is shown for reference under "Workload/Outputs"). | | | | | |
| ^e Expenditures include the Family Grant, which partially funds the Juvenile Division. | | | | | |
| ^f The State of Maryland assumed the funding for the judicial law clerks, resulting in a permanent decrease in workyears starting in FY04. | | | | | |
| ^g Civil filing data include the Register of Wills caseload. | | | | | |
| ^h Tracks 5 and 6 were added in October 2003 for Business and Technology cases. | | | | | |
| ⁱ The increase reflects the new Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court grants. | | | | | |
| EXPLANATION: | | | | | |
| One of the Circuit Court's primary functions is the adjudication of civil cases. The Court has integrated the Differentiated Case Management (DCM) concept into the daily operations of all units supporting the Circuit Court's functions. DCM is an approach designed to improve the efficiency of case processing and reduce the demand for judicial intervention (continuances, hearings, etc.) at every phase of litigation. Mechanisms have been designed to avoid multiple court appearances and assure the timely provision of resources for the expeditious processing and resolution of cases on each track. | | | | | |
| The results for the average time to dispose of cases are based on cases that were disposed in the given fiscal year, regardless of the date on which a case was filed. Timely case termination based upon track guidelines depends upon the availability of sufficient resource levels in the Circuit and District Courts, the Public Defender's Office, Parole and Probation, and the State's Attorney's Office. Criminal litigation takes precedence over civil litigation as criminal cases must be tried within 180 days from the Rule 4-215 hearing. | | | | | |
| PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF OUTCOMES: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Maryland and Montgomery County bar associations. | | | | | |
| MAJOR RELATED PLANS AND GUIDELINES: State legislative mandates, Maryland Rules of Procedure, Maryland Annotated Code, Montgomery County Code, Court of Appeals of Maryland. | | | | | |

CIRCUIT COURT

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| PROGRAM: | | PROGRAM ELEMENT: | | | | |
| Management and Adjudication of Criminal Cases | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM MISSION: | | | | | | |
| To administer justice in a fair, timely, and efficient manner when adjudicating criminal matters | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUPPORTED: | | | | | | |
| • Provide for fair and timely administration of justice | | | | | | |
| • Foster respect for the law | | | | | | |
| • Ensure the safety of all citizens | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM MEASURES | | FY02 | FY03 | FY04 | FY05 | FY06 |
| | | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | CE REC |
| Outcomes/Results: | | | | | | |
| Criminal cases sentenced | | 2,798 | 1,704 | 1,544 | 1,704 | 1,704 |
| Criminal cases terminated (resolved) ^a | | 6,850 | 5,795 | 4,914 | 5,795 | 5,795 |
| Service Quality: | | | | | | |
| Average time to dispose of criminal cases ^b (days) | | | | | | |
| Track 0 - No discovery/hand gun charge (<i>target - 46 days</i>) ^c | | 66 | 82 | 60 | 46 | 46 |
| Track 1 - Jury demands and appeals (<i>target - 57 days</i>) | | 51 | 43 | 41 | 57 | 57 |
| Track 2 - Locally incarcerated (<i>target - 72 days</i>) | | 99 | 96 | 99 | 72 | 72 |
| Track 3 - Routine criminal on bond status (<i>target - 116 days</i>) | | 99 | 97 | 109 | 116 | 116 |
| Track 4 - Complex issues: expected trial duration 3+ days (<i>target - 127 days</i>) | | 176 | 163 | 170 | 127 | 127 |
| Overall average time for disposition of criminal cases (<i>target - 180 days</i>) | | 68 | 74 | 80 | 180 | 180 |
| Efficiency: | | | | | | |
| Cases terminated per staff year (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^d | | 327 | 335 | 347 | 351 | 346 |
| Average cost per case terminated (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) (\$) ^d | | 248 | 258 | 228 | 277 | 315 |
| Workload/Outputs: | | | | | | |
| Criminal cases filed | | 6,711 | 5,540 | 5,046 | 5,540 | 5,540 |
| Criminal hearings held | | 13,509 | 10,464 | 10,001 | 10,464 | 10,464 |
| Criminal cases tried by jury | | 134 | 106 | 104 | 106 | 106 |
| Criminal cases tried by judge | | 79 | 80 | 64 | 80 | 80 |
| Criminal cases filed as a percentage of total Circuit Court filings | | 18.7 | 15.4 | 14.4 | 15.4 | 15.4 |
| Total Circuit Court filings (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) | | 35,915 | 36,038 | 34,942 | 36,038 | 36,038 |
| Total Circuit Court terminations (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^d | | 35,773 | 36,175 | 34,708 | 36,175 | 36,175 |
| Inputs: | | | | | | |
| Workyears ^d | | 109.3 | 108.1 | ¹ 100.0 | 103.2 | ⁹ 104.6 |
| Expenditures (\$000) ^{d,a} | | 8,879 | 9,326 | 7,909 | 10,036 | ⁹ 11,407 |
| Notes: | | | | | | |
| ^a Terminations are cases that have gone to sentencing or to case closure, i.e. not guilty verdicts, dismissals, or where the State's Attorney decides not to prosecute. | | | | | | |
| ^b For criminal cases, disposition time is measured from initial filing to adjudication by trial or plea, less any period of time an arrest warrant was outstanding. It does not include the time for sentencing. | | | | | | |
| ^c The figures in italics represent targets (guidelines) for the time to dispose of criminal cases when using the given track. These guidelines were developed by committees comprised of judges, court personnel, and representatives of the local Bar, State's Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office. | | | | | | |
| ^d Workyears, expenditures, and the corresponding efficiency measures include the processing of civil, criminal, family, and juvenile cases because it is not feasible to separate expenditures and workyears by type of case. (Staff responsibilities and case processing are not organized by type of case: one person may process several types of cases.) Because workyears and expenditures cannot be split by type of case, both efficiency measures are based on all Circuit Court terminations: civil, criminal, family, and juvenile (this total is shown for reference under "Workload/Outputs"). | | | | | | |
| ^e Expenditures include the Family Grant, which partially funds the Juvenile Division. | | | | | | |
| ¹ The State of Maryland assumed the funding for the judicial law clerks, resulting in a permanent decrease in workyears starting in FY04. | | | | | | |
| ⁹ The increase reflects the new Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court grants. | | | | | | |
| EXPLANATION: | | | | | | |
| One of the Circuit Court's primary functions is to adjudicate criminal cases. The Court has integrated the Differentiated Case Management (DCM) concept into the daily operations of all units supporting the Circuit Court's functions. DCM is an approach designed to improve the efficiency of case processing and reduce the demand for judicial intervention (continuances, hearings, etc.) at every phase of litigation. DCM achieves these goals by the early differentiation of cases entering the judicial system in terms of the nature and extent of the judicial/justice system resources they will require. Each case is then assigned to an appropriate "track" established by the Court system. The track manages the performance of pre-trial tasks and allocates the appropriate level of judicial and other system resources, minimizing processing delays. Mechanisms have been designed to avoid multiple court appearances and assure the timely provision of resources for the expeditious processing and resolution of cases on each track. Since April 2003, cases appealed from the District Court have been given an instant jury trial, which has reduced the number of criminal cases filed. | | | | | | |
| Timely case termination based upon track guidelines depends upon the availability of sufficient resource levels in the Circuit and District Courts, the Public Defender's Office, Parole and Probation, the State's Attorney's Office, and others. | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF OUTCOMES: District Court, State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, Montgomery County Police, Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Circuit Court, Parole and Probation. | | | | | | |
| MAJOR RELATED PLANS AND GUIDELINES: State legislative mandates, Maryland Rules of Procedure, Maryland Annotated Code, Montgomery County Code, Court of Appeals of Maryland. | | | | | | |

CIRCUIT COURT

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| PROGRAM: Management and Adjudication of Family Cases | PROGRAM ELEMENT: | | | | |
| PROGRAM MISSION: To administer justice in a fair, timely and efficient manner when adjudicating family matters | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUPPORTED: • Provide for fair and timely administration of justice • Foster respect for the law • Provide a means for litigants to become aware of their rights and responsibilities • Provide access to information to assist litigants with the judicial process | | | | | |
| PROGRAM MEASURES | FY02 ACTUAL | FY03 ACTUAL | FY04 ACTUAL | FY05 BUDGET | FY06 CE REC |
| Outcomes/Results: | | | | | |
| Family cases terminated (resolved) ^a | 13,161 | 13,369 | 12,216 | 13,369 | 13,369 |
| Family property cases partially/fully resolved through Alternative Dispute Resolution | 285 | 268 | 181 | 268 | 268 |
| Family custody cases partially/fully resolved through In-House Mediation Program | 321 | 299 | 286 | 299 | 299 |
| Service Quality: | | | | | |
| Average time to conclude a family case (days): ^b | | | | | |
| No Track (<i>Change of Name, Guardianship, Child Support, etc.</i>) ^c | NA | 97 | 105 | 105 | 105 |
| Track 0 ^d (<i>target - 35 days</i>) ^e | 51 | 57 | 64 | 35 | 35 |
| Track 1 ^d (<i>target - 48 to 64 days</i>) | 120 | 124 | 131 | 64 | 64 |
| Track 2 ^d (<i>target - 168 days</i>) | 200 | 189 | 197 | 168 | 168 |
| Track 3 ^d (<i>target - 224 to 280 days</i>) | 246 | 233 | 253 | 280 | 280 |
| Track 4 ^d (<i>target - 224 to 365 days</i>) | 442 | 445 | 491 | 365 | 365 |
| Overall average time for disposition of family cases (all cases and tracks) | 114 | 116 | 130 | 115 | 115 |
| Efficiency: | | | | | |
| Cases terminated per staff year (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^f | 327 | 335 | 347 | 351 | 346 |
| Average cost per case terminated (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) (\$) ^g | 248 | 258 | 228 | 277 | 315 |
| Workload/Outputs: | | | | | |
| Family cases filed | 13,320 | 13,531 | 12,528 | 13,531 | 13,531 |
| Master hearings held | 7,748 | 7,883 | 8,239 | 7,883 | 7,883 |
| Judge hearings held | 4,367 | 4,433 | 4,218 | 4,433 | 4,433 |
| Trials ^h | 369 | 615 | 690 | 615 | 615 |
| Family property cases ordered to Alternative Dispute Resolution | 431 | 454 | 442 | 454 | 454 |
| Family custody cases ordered to In-House Mediation Program | 657 | 705 | 672 | 705 | 705 |
| Family cases filed as a percentage of total Circuit Court filings | 37.1 | 37.5 | 35.9 | 37.5 | 37.5 |
| Total Circuit Court filings (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) | 35,915 | 36,038 | 34,942 | 36,038 | 36,038 |
| Total Circuit Court terminations (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ⁱ | 35,773 | 36,175 | 34,708 | 36,175 | 36,175 |
| Inputs: | | | | | |
| Workyears ^j | 109.3 | 108.1 | ^h 100.0 | 103.2 | ⁱ 104.6 |
| Expenditures (\$000) ^g | 8,879 | 9,326 | 7,909 | 10,036 | ⁱ 11,407 |
| Notes: | | | | | |
| ^a Terminations are family cases that have reached final resolution in terms of the <i>original</i> basis for the case. | | | | | |
| ^b For family cases, the disposition time is measured from the Scheduling Conference to conclusion of the case. | | | | | |
| ^c Tracking of data for "No Track" cases began in FY03. | | | | | |
| ^d Tracks 0 and 1 involve uncontested cases (final divorces). Track 2 may involve any or all of the following issues: divorce, legal custody, visitation, monetary award, or property. Track 3 involves the same issues as Track 2 but includes physical custody issues. Track 4 is for extremely complex issues. Under the Differentiated Case Management approach, unless specifically requested, the trial will be set for a date when the parties become eligible for a final divorce, thus eliminating the need for two hearings. | | | | | |
| ^e The figures in italics represent targets (guidelines) for the time to dispose of family cases when using the given track. These guidelines were developed by committees comprised of judges, court personnel, and representatives of the local Bar, State's Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office. | | | | | |
| ^f Workyears, expenditures, and the corresponding efficiency measures include the processing of civil, criminal, family, and juvenile cases because it is not feasible to separate expenditures and workyears by type of case. (Staff responsibilities and case processing are not organized by type of case: one person may process several types of cases.) Because workyears and expenditures cannot be split by type of case, both efficiency measures are based on <i>all</i> Circuit Court terminations: civil, criminal, family, and juvenile (this total is shown for reference under "Workload/Outputs"). | | | | | |
| ^g Expenditures include the Family Grant, which partially funds the Juvenile Division. | | | | | |
| ^h The State of Maryland assumed the funding for the judicial law clerks, resulting in a permanent decrease in workyears starting in FY04. | | | | | |
| ⁱ Includes trials that must be heard by a judge or jury on issues such as contested divorces or custody or property, and contested modifications of previous decisions regarding such matters. | | | | | |
| ^j The increase reflects the new Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court grants. | | | | | |
| EXPLANATION: October 2004 marked the completion of six years of operation for the Circuit Court's Family Division. The Maryland Judiciary's statewide philosophy on family divisions begins with a belief that Courts should assist families in every possible way. The goal is to utilize the most effective case management principles and to offer practical alternatives for a constructive and lasting resolution of issues, keeping the best interests of the children firmly in mind. In adopting a more holistic approach to families in crisis, the Court has provided litigants with an opportunity for reconciliation or - alternatively - resolution of conflicts in the least legally adversarial manner. | | | | | |
| Adjudication of the majority of family cases starts with a Scheduling Conference. At the Scheduling Conference, the Family Division Master assesses the issues, determines what services are appropriate, and establishes the case schedule. Potential services include parenting seminars, mediation, settlement facilitation program, alternative dispute resolution, custody/visitation assessments and evaluations, supervised visitation, and the <i>Pro Se</i> Project (self-representation). | | | | | |
| PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF OUTCOMES: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Maryland and Montgomery County bar associations, Maryland's Administrative Office of the Courts, private mental health professionals, Family Trauma Services, Adult Addiction Services, Montgomery County Office of Child Support, Abused Persons Program, Women's Law Center, House of Ruth. | | | | | |
| MAJOR RELATED PLANS AND GUIDELINES: Maryland Rules of Procedure, Maryland Annotated Code, Family Law Articles, State legislative mandates, Court of Appeals of Maryland. | | | | | |

CIRCUIT COURT

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| PROGRAM: | | PROGRAM ELEMENT: | | | | |
| Management and Adjudication of Juvenile Cases ^a | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM MISSION: | | | | | | |
| To administer justice in a fair, timely, and efficient manner when adjudicating juvenile matters | | | | | | |
| COMMUNITY OUTCOMES SUPPORTED: | | | | | | |
| • Provide for fair and timely administration of justice | | | | | | |
| • Foster respect for the law | | | | | | |
| • Ensure the safety of all citizens | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM MEASURES | | FY02 ACTUAL ^a | FY03 ACTUAL | FY04 ACTUAL | FY05 BUDGET | FY06 CE REC |
| Outcomes/Results: | | | | | | |
| Delinquency cases completed | | NA | 3,360 | 3,906 | 3,360 | 3,360 |
| Child in Need of Assistance cases completed ^b | | NA | 1,414 | 286 | 1,414 | 1,414 |
| Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases completed | | NA | 132 | 97 | 132 | 132 |
| Adoption cases completed | | NA | 25 | 37 | 25 | 25 |
| Service Quality: ^c | | | | | | |
| Average days from service of the petition to disposition: | | | | | | |
| Delinquency cases (<i>target - 90 days</i>) | | NA | 67 | 65 | 90 | 90 |
| Child in Need of Assistance cases (<i>target - 90 days</i>) | | NA | 26 | 34 | 90 | 90 |
| Average days from filing to disposition: | | | | | | |
| Termination of Parental Rights cases (<i>target - 180 days to final order for TPR</i>) | | NA | 228 | 203 | 180 | 180 |
| Adoption cases (<i>target - 730 days from granting of TPR</i>) | | NA | 160 | 275 | 730 | 730 |
| Efficiency: | | | | | | |
| Cases terminated per staff year (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^d | | 327 | 335 | 347 | 351 | 346 |
| Average cost per case terminated (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) (\$) ^d | | 248 | 258 | 228 | 277 | 315 |
| Workload/Outputs: | | | | | | |
| Delinquency cases filed | | NA | 3,409 | 4,057 | 3,409 | 3,409 |
| Child in Need of Assistance cases filed ^b | | NA | 1,484 | 302 | 1,484 | 1,484 |
| Termination of Parental Rights cases filed | | NA | 105 | 116 | 105 | 105 |
| Adoption cases filed | | NA | 26 | 38 | 26 | 26 |
| Peace Order and Voluntary Placement cases filed | | NA | 50 | 91 | 50 | 50 |
| Hearings held ^e | | NA | 10,931 | 11,817 | 10,931 | 10,931 |
| Court trials/adjudicatory hearings held | | NA | 125 | 115 | 125 | 125 |
| Mediation: | | | | | | |
| Cases screened | | NA | 158 | 271 | 158 | 158 |
| Cases mediated with resolution | | NA | 42 | 57 | 42 | 42 |
| Cases mediated without resolution | | NA | 10 | 36 | 10 | 10 |
| Juvenile cases as a percentage of total Circuit Court filings | | NA | 14.1 | 13.2 | 14.1 | 14.1 |
| Total Circuit Court filings (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) | | 35,915 | 36,038 | 34,942 | 36,038 | 36,038 |
| Total Circuit Court terminations (civil, criminal, family, and juvenile) ^d | | 35,773 | 36,175 | 34,708 | 36,175 | 36,175 |
| Inputs: | | | | | | |
| Workyears ^d | | 109.3 | 108.1 | ^g 100.0 | 103.2 | ^h 104.6 |
| Expenditures (\$000) ^{d,i} | | 8,879 | 9,326 | 7,909 | 10,036 | ^h 11,407 |
| Notes: | | | | | | |
| ^a On March 1, 2002, jurisdiction over the Juvenile Court was transferred from the District Court to the Circuit Court. | | | | | | |
| ^b The decrease in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) cases filed and CINA cases completed from FY03 to FY04 is due to a statistical reporting change made by Maryland's Administrative Office of the Courts. | | | | | | |
| ^c There are potentially 10 track assignments for juvenile cases. To simplify the above presentation, the service quality measures focus on the four major types of juvenile cases (delinquency cases, Child in Need of Assistance, Termination of Parental Rights, and adoption cases) rather than the ten case management tracks. The measures reflect, in part, compliance with statutory deadlines that are triggered differently, depending on the type of case. | | | | | | |
| ^d Workyears, expenditures, and the corresponding efficiency measures include the processing of civil, criminal, family, and juvenile cases because it is not feasible to separate expenditures and workyears by type of case. (Staff responsibilities and case processing are not organized by type of case: one person may process several types of cases.) Because workyears and expenditures cannot be split by type of case, both efficiency measures are based on all Circuit Court terminations: civil, criminal, family, and juvenile (this total is shown for reference under "Workload/Outputs"). | | | | | | |
| ^e Hearings include peace order hearings, detention/shelter care hearings, preliminary inquiries, service status hearings, and scheduling conferences; pretrial/settlement conferences, pretrial/settlement scheduling conferences, and pretrial/settlement planning conferences (different types of pretrial settlement conferences used for different case management tracks); planning conferences, disposition hearings, restitution hearings, permanency planning hearings, adoption hearings, and review hearings for all types of juvenile cases. | | | | | | |
| ^f Expenditures include the Family Grant, which partially funds the Juvenile Court. | | | | | | |
| ^g The State of Maryland assumed the funding for the judicial law clerks, resulting in a permanent decrease in workyears for FY04. | | | | | | |
| ^h The increase reflects the new Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court grants. | | | | | | |
| EXPLANATION: | | | | | | |
| One of the Circuit Court's primary functions is to adjudicate delinquency and dependency (child abuse/neglect) cases in the Juvenile Court. Using a Differentiated Case Management (DCM) approach, juvenile cases are scheduled with appropriate resources depending on the type of case and the custody status of the child. While statutory deadlines are quite short in juvenile causes, case management helps bring cases to an appropriate resolution as early as possible in the process, often avoiding the need for contested adjudication. Mediation services help produce collaborative outcomes in dependency cases, helping children to attain a safe, permanent home and their families to obtain the services they need more promptly. Timely case termination based upon track guidelines depends upon the availability of sufficient resource levels in the Circuit Court, the Public Defender's Office, the County Attorney's Office, the State's Attorney's Office, the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and others. | | | | | | |
| PROGRAM PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF OUTCOMES: State's Attorney's Office; Public Defender's Office; Sheriff's Office; Maryland Juvenile Services and Human Resources departments; Montgomery County Attorney, Police Department, and Department of Health and Human Services; Clerk of the Circuit Court; CASA of Maryland. | | | | | | |
| MAJOR RELATED PLANS AND GUIDELINES: State legislative mandates, Maryland Rules of Procedure, Maryland Annotated Code, Montgomery County Code, Court of Appeals of Maryland. | | | | | | |